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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NUMBER, ETC., OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE NAVAL
AND MARINE SERVICE IN THE MEXICAN WAR.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the House of the 20th December, 1848, relative to the number and places of birth of persons employed in the naval and marine service on the Gulf and Pacific coasts during the Mexican war.

JANUARY 6, 1849.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
January 5, 1849.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 20th December, 1848, requesting the Secretary of the Navy to communicate to that body "the number and places of birth of all persons employed in the naval and marine service on the Gulf and Pacific coasts during the late war with Mexico."

No register of recruits having been kept at the department previous to June, 1846, full information, as required by the resolution, cannot, as it respects seamen, be communicated in a satisfactory form.

The crews of most of the vessels (those, too, of the largest class were enlisted previous to the declaration of war, and the depart-

ment has no means of ascertaining the birth places of the persons composing them.

The answer of this department to the resolution of the House of Representatives, of May 29th, 1848, shows the number and places of birth of seamen enlisted during the war, and there is no reason to suppose that the same ratio would not apply to those engaged therein who entered previously.

Much the largest part of the vessels in commission at the date of the declaration of war have been either in the Gulf or in the Pacific, for longer or shorter periods.

The whole number of seamen composing the crews of the vessels in the Gulf of Mexico and on the Pacific coast, during the war, was seven thousand.

The terms of enlistments in the marine corps enable the department to communicate full information in regard to the marines employed on the Pacific and Gulf coasts during the war with Mexico.

The annexed statements, marked A and B, exhibit the information called for by the resolution, so far as it is in the power of the department to furnish it.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. Y. MASON.

HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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A.

STATEMENT

Exhibiting the number and places of birth of officers of the navy, employed on the Gulf and Pacific coasts during the late war with Mexico.

States, &c.	Number.
Maine	34
New Hampshire	21
Vermont	11
Massachusetts	51
Rhode Island	14
Connecticut	30
New York	118
New Jersey	29
Pennsylvania	112
Delaware	12
Maryland	71
Virginia	140
North Carolina	24
South Carolina	24
Georgia	16
Alabama	3
Mississippi	1
Louisiana	8
Tennessee	12
Kentucky	15
Ohio	22
Indiana	6
Illinois	3
Missouri	5
Michigan	3
Florida	2
Iowa	1
District of Columbia	39
England	7
France	1
Ireland	7
Greece	1
Spain	1
West Indies	3
Scotland	3
South America	2
Sweden	1
Unknown	3
Total	856

B.

STATEMENT

Showing the number and places of birth of marines attached to the Gulf squadron, during the late war with Mexico.

Places of birth.	Number.
Maine	22
Massachusetts :	42
New Hampshire	12
Vermont	8
Connecticut	17
Rhode Island	7
New York	163
New Jersey	39
Delaware	6
Maryland	47
Virginia	29
District of Columbia	21
Pennsylvania	155
North Carolina	2
South Carolina	2
Georgia	1
Ohio	10
Kentucky	1
Mississippi	1
Missouri	1
Michigan	1
Indiana	1
Ireland	261
Germany	110
Scotland	25
England	25
France	5
Sweden	2
Canada	9
Prussia	2
Switzerland	3
Poland	1
Denmark	2
New Brunswick	1
Holland	1
East Indies	1
Belgium	2
Italy	1
South America	1
Total	1050

STATEMENT

Showing the number and places of birth of marines attached to the Pacific squadron during the late war with Mexico.

Places of birth.	Number.
Maine	16
Massachusetts	26
New Hampshire	12
Vermont	6
Connecticut	9
Rhode Island	7
New York	117
New Jersey	19
Delaware	2
Maryland	23
Virginia	13
District of Columbia	13
Pennsylvania	77
South Carolina	3
Island of Minorca	1
Ohio	6
Tennessee	1
Kentucky	1
Mississippi	1
Michigan	2
Louisiana	2
Ireland	21
Germany	7
Scotland	4
England	10
Sweden	1
Prussia	1
Nova Scotia	1
Total	402

P. G. HOWLE,
Adjutant and Inspector.

HEAD QUARTERS MARINE CORPS,
Adj. and Insp. Office, Washington, Dec 30, 1848.

NOTE.—In addition to the above there were 18 sergeants, 9 corporals, 2 drummers, 3 fifers, and 235 privates on duty with the army in Mexico, under the command of Lieutenant Col. Watson.



